

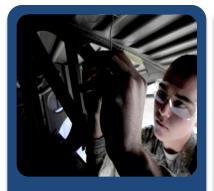


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  - Nutrition
  - Endurance
  - Strength
  - Recovery



## Pillars of Resilience



**MENTAL** 

Awareness
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SOCIAL

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**SPIRITUAL** 

Core Values
Perseverance
Perspective
Purpose



### Nutrition

- Nutrition challenges:
  - Manufactured, processed foods
  - High fructose corn syrup
  - Partially hydrogenated fats
  - Change in composition of meat, milk and eggs based on the change in diet of beef, dairy, and poultry



### Nutrition

Remember, it is all what we:

Eat – Drink – Do (or don't do)



### Put what you know into practice

#### What shapes our decisions about food?

- **O**Cost
- **©** Familiarity
- Taste
- Nutritional value
- Allergies
- **O**"fashion"



So let's apply our knowledge...



# What is important to you?

"Lightener"	Cost*	Calories**	% Fat	# Ingredients	HFCS/ PHVO***
Whole milk	7.8	30	3.2	1	-/-
Cream	13.6	45	30	5	-/-
Half & Half	9.8	40	15	5	-/-
FF "half & half	9.8	20	0	9	-/-
"Creamer"	19.9	10	30	8	-/+

<sup>\*</sup> cents per serving

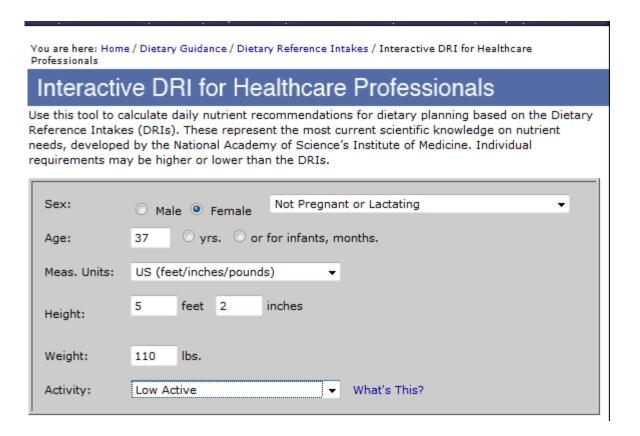
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<sup>\*\*\*</sup>HFCS/PHVO= High Fructose Corn Syrup/Partially Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil



# All you need to set a goal

### http://fnic.nal.usda.gov/fnic/interactiveDRI/



United States Department of Agriculture, National Agriculture Library, Food and Nutrition Information Center



# Supplements

- •Top 5:
  - Fish oil (omega-3 essential fatty acids)
  - Multivitamins
  - Vitamin D
  - Calcium
  - CoQ10

#### Supplements of Military Interest

ENERGY DRINKS





# Military huge consumer of "Energy Drinks"

DRINK	Serving (oz)	Caffeine content
Amp	8.4	74
Cocaine	8.4	280
Enviga	12	100
Full Throttle	16	144
Monster Energy	16	160
Red Bull	8.3	80
Red Bull Sugarfree	8.3	80
Rip It (all varieties)	8	100
Rockstar Energy	8	80
Drink		
SoBe Adrenaline	8.3	79
Rush		
SoBe No Fear	8	83
Spike Shooter	8.4	300





## Managing Your Energy Tank

- Manage energy, NOT time.
  - Be aware of your natural biorhythms and how they work in a team (family or at work).
- Manage energy like a sprinter, not a marathoner.
  - Exert energy when needed, then recover.





# Manage Energy, NOT Time

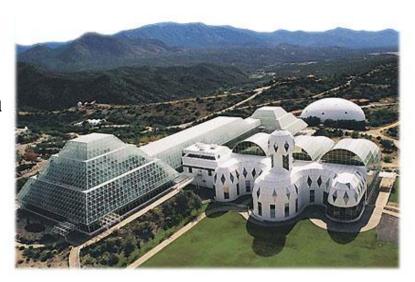
• The number of hours in a day is fixed, but the quantity and quality of energy available to us is not.

Old Paradigm	New Paradigm	
Manage Time	Manage Energy	
Avoid Stress	Seek Stress	
Downtime is wasted time	Downtime is productive time	
Life is a marathon	Life is a series of sprints	
Self-discipline is key	Habits are key	
Invest time	Invest energy	



## Manage Energy like a Sprinter

- Interval training for the brain and body
  - Expend energy, then recover it
    - Introverted versus Extroverted en demands
  - Stress is good for us (in short bursts)!
    - · Builds strength and endurance
    - Sustains energy more effectively over longer periods of time





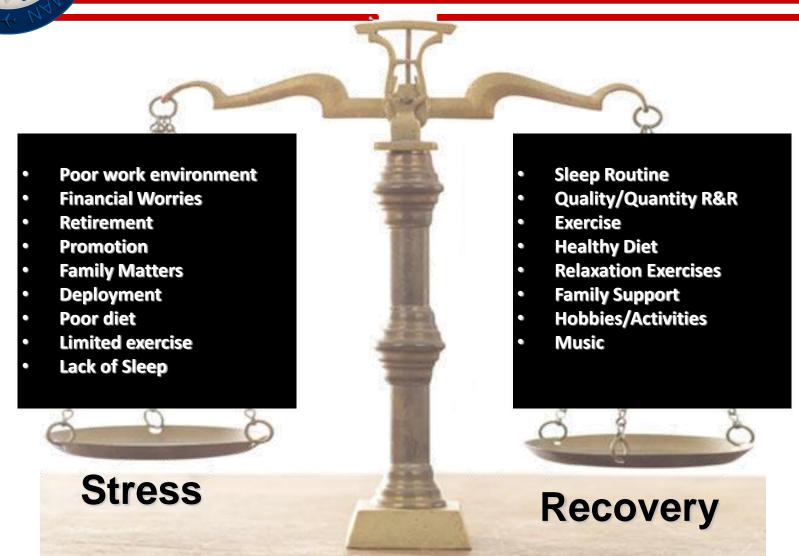
## Mental Endurance

- The ability to focus your attention on what is most relevant regardless of distractions.
  - Task switching, not multi-tasking.
  - Task switching is "expensive."
- How does it impact daily operations?
  - Air Battle Control
  - Flight Missions/Air Assault Missions
  - Combat Search and Security
  - Joint Operations





### Recovery is a Strength, Not a Weakness





## "Miracle-Gro" for your Brain

#### 1. Increases Energy

 Regular physical activity makes your body produce more energy.

#### 2. Sharpens Focus

- Short term: exercise can improve focus up to 2-3 hours afterwards.
- Long term: exercise can even help stave off brain aging and Alzheimer's.

#### 3. Enhances Mood

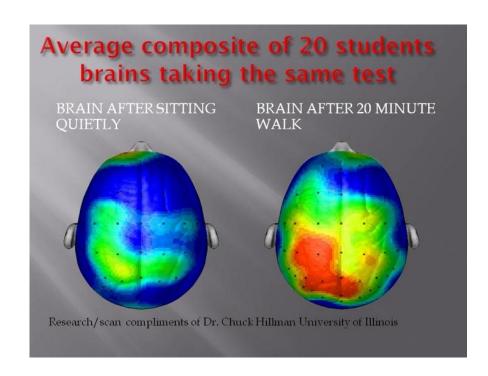
 Exercise releases endorphins which improves memory and mood

#### 4. Improves Memory

 Your brain remembers more when your body is active.

#### 5. Increases Productivity

Productivity begets more productivity.





# Sleep

- Extend nightly time in bed
  - Improved performance and alertness during sleep restriction
  - Facilitated faster recovery
- Take naps!
  - 20-45 min to prevent sleep inertia
  - OR 2 hours to allow for one full sleep cycle of REM
- Avoid caffeine and nicotine at least 6 hours before bedtime
- Alcohol intake suppresses REM activity causing disrupted sleep









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#### When to use it

- Whenever you need it!
  - Energy is too low or too high
  - Improve strength or endurance gains
  - Irregular sleep patterns
  - Improve diet and overall health
    - High blood pressure
    - High cholesterol
    - Overweight/Obese
    - Low bone density
    - Depression/Anxiety



#### How to use it

### Physical Energy Management

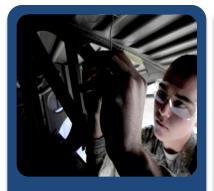
- Exercise (Endurance and Strength training)
- Recovery (Rejuvenation and breath control)
- Sleep (Routines and Banking)
- Diet consisting of mainly "real foods," NOT processed

### Mental Energy Management

- Exercise when stressed or having "brain drain"
- Recover by taking mini mental breaks throughout the day (Breathing exercises and visualization techniques)
- Sleep after relaxing the brain (Write to-do list, avoid caffeine/exercise/alcohol before bed, no TV, Sleep CD)
- Diet that improves mood, focus, and energy levels



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